

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner: P. L. Morris

Application No.: 10/786,556

Group Art Unit: 1625

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For: CRYSTALLINE FORM Z OF RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM AND
PROCESS FOR PREPARATION THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on December 5, 2006, for the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due March 5, 2007. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.

Applicants request entry of the following amendments to the claims. Upon entry, the claims pending for further proceedings will be those of the claim listing that begins at page 2 of this paper.

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